

**Resolution No. 15-357**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama are apprised that J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College has created a program for Craft Beer Brewing, which graduated its first class on March 18, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Huntsville City Council has dedicated itself to economic development in the Huntsville Metropolitan area which has seen exponential growth over the last three score years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Huntsville City Council recognizes to attract viable economic interest to Huntsville requires diligence and a fostering of educational and technical offerings; and,

**WHEREAS**, J F Drake State Community and Technical College continues its history of preparing students for tomorrow's workforce today with the March launch of non-credit certificate classes in craft beer brewing under the leadership of Dr. Helen T. McAlpine, President, Dr. Mary Jane Caylor, Dean of Workforce Development Dr. John Reutter, Dean of Research and Planning, faculty and staff; and,

**WHEREAS**, Drake State offered this certificate in response to the increased demand for qualified brewers and the proliferation of craft beer and micro-brewing facilities in the Madison County area. Drake State initiated an inaugural class for those interested in this career field on March 17 and 18, 2015, the first in Alabama. That offering was highly successful and is the predicate of a certification in this field; and,

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of many are acknowledged and lauded for their contributions, and the Resolution herewith recognizes these individuals and organizations they represent; and,

**WHEREAS**, Carie Partain serves as the Vice President of the statewide Free The Hops Organization; Rich Partain serves as the Sales Manager at Straight to Ale Brewing; Dan Roberts is the Executive Director of the Alabama Brewers Guild; Ethan Couch is one of the founding members of Yellowhammer Brewing and the General Manager; Mark Koesters serves as the Craft Beer Manager for Supreme Distribution; Damon Eubanks is the owner and General Manager of Wish You Were Beer; Chase Shelton serves as the Bar Manager at Below the Radar; Weedy Weidenthal is Brewmaster of Blue Pants Brewing; Chef Darrell Echols serves as Culinary Arts Instructor at Drake State; Khalid Holmes is an Instructor in the Biological Science Department at Drake State; Dr. Andy Crouse serves as Chief Beer Biologist at The Levendary at Hudson Alpha; Dr. Peyton McNully is the Founder of Levendary at Hudson Alpha; Charles Winters serves as Executive Vice President for the Huntsville Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau; Chad Emerson serves as Chief Executive Director of Downtown Huntsville, Inc. and Dr. John Reutter serves as Dean of Research and Planning at Drake State.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Huntsville City Council herewith and hereby expresses its great pleasure in recognizing the effort, talent, and dedication to the advancement of Huntsville's economic future and its quality of life through these accolades, duly awarded and merited to the individuals mentioned above.

**ADOPTED** this the 28th day of May, 2015.

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**President of the City Council  
of the City of Huntsville, Alabama**

**APPROVED** this the 28th day of May, 2015.

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**Mayor of the City of  
Huntsville, Alabama**